

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claim 17 has been amended and claims 1-15 and 18-21 remain unchanged and therefore, claims 1-15 and 17-21 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

Notice of Allowance

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Notice of Allowance dated December 26, 2007 in the instant application. However, Applicants request the Examiner to consider a minor amendment to claim 17.

Claim 17

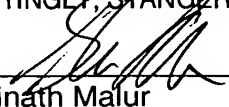
Applicants have amended claim 17 to correct a minor typographical error on line 4 (i.e., "oft" to "of").

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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